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SUBJ: PROSPECTIVE VISIT OF EGYPTIAN VICE PRESIDENT

DEPT PASS USINT CAIRO

1. PRESS ANNOUNCED 25 SEPT THAT HUSSEIN EL SHAFEI, VICE PRESIDENT OF EGYPT, WOULD PAY THREE-DAY "GOODWILL" VISIT TO SRI LANKA SEPT 27 TO 30. VISIT WILL FOLLOW OFFICIAL VISITS TO PYONGYANG, PEKING, AND HANOI. MRS. EL SHAFEI AND DAUGHTER WILL ACCOMPANY AS WELL AS AHMED KAMEL EL-BADRY, MINISTER OF WAR PRODUCTION, GAMEL SIDKEY, ASSISTANT TO MINISTER OF WAR, AND ABOUT 13 OFFICIALS.

2. VISIT WILL HAVE TRAPPINGS OF STATE VISIT, WITH EL SHAFEI STAYING AT PRESIDENT'S HOUSE, BANQUETS BY PRESIDENT AND PM, AND RETURN BANQUET BY EL SHAFEI. ACCORDING TO PRESS, TALKS ARE EXPECTED TO CENTER ON MIDDLE EAST, INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE, DISARMEMENT, TRADE AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

3. MDFA OFFICIAL HAS CONFIRMED DETAILS GIVEN IN PRESS ACCOUNTS AND TELLS US THIS IS FIRST HIGH-LEVEL VISIT FROM EGYPT FOR SOME TIME, ALTHOUGH SEVERAL CEYLONSE MINISTERS HAVE VISITED CAIRO IN PAST THREE YEARS. HE SAID EGYPTIAN DELEGATION'S MAIN FOCUS IS ON VISITS TO THREE EAST ASIAN CAP-

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ITALS AND THAT SRI LANKA IS MORE IN NATURE OF BREAK IN THEIR

JOURNEY. HE ALSO NOTED TALKS ON TRADE AND ECONOMIC COOPER-
ATION WOULD HAVE TO BE GENERAL SINCE NO ONE ON EGYPTIAN SIDE
WOULD BE COMPETENT TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC MATTERS.
VAN HOLLEN

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